

Diamond's Edge

Did you know ... it is illegal to leave a parked car running and unattended on Misawa Air Base? Ref: AFI 31-204, 35 FW Sup 1, attach 1, par A1.6.1.23

Source: Misawa First Sergeants

Misawa Air Base DUI/DWI Hitboard

Total number of
DUI/DWI incidents
at Misawa
this year

0

as of Thursday

Last DUI/DWI: 35th Maintenance Squadron

Number of days
since the last
DUI/DWI at
Misawa

56

as of Thursday

Source: 35th Security Forces Squadron

Weekend Weather



Saturday

Flurries
H 30/L 21



Sunday

Clouds
H 35/L 24

Source: 35th OSS Weather Flight

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Base people sharpen skills via ORE training

by Tech Sgt. Carrie Bernard
35th Fighter Wing Public Affairs office

More than 700 people sharpened their wartime skills last week by participating in the wing's revitalized ORE task and preparation training.

This Operational Readiness Exercise training, held in Hangar 949, was designed as an "ability to survive and operate" refresher.

"Training was developed to further improve our ability to execute our wartime tasking," said Capt. James Merchant, 35th Fighter Wing inspections chief. "A course conducted outside of our scheduled exercises allows us to better prepare the wing for our mission."

Although this month's training focused on people who arrived on Misawa after August 2002 — the last time training was conducted here — eventually everyone on base will accomplish it. The current schedule allows for everyone to be trained prior to the November inspection.

While heightened skills for exercises and inspections are an inevitable outcome of this training, the inspections folks stress that it is not the main objective.

"The biggest achievement we could hope for from this training would be for everyone to feel confident in their abilities to survive and operate in a wartime environment," said Senior Master



Photo by Staff Sgt. Andrew Rodier

Tech. Sgt. Anthony Myers (right), 35th Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness, talks about mission oriented protective posture transition points to students of the base's new Operational Readiness Exercise training.

Sgt. Glenn Snyder III, 35th FW inspections superintendent.

During the three-hour training session, troops travel through five stations, each offering a different interactive ATSO learning opportunity, such as M-8 paper placement, the proper wear and marking of over garments and self-aid and buddy care procedures. This summer, a week of contamination control area training will

also be offered.

"As a result of the hands-on instruction, it's evident that people are truly engaged in the training due to the questions asked of the instructors," said Capt. Merchant. "After having been through the training myself, I am convinced this program has tremendous value."

That praise was echoed throughout Misawa's warfighting community, as troops of all ranks benefited from the ORE learning environment.

"This is my first base, so I have never had training like this except for the one in basic training," said Airman 1st Class Bernadette Thibodeaux, 35th FW Command Post emergency actions controller. "The ORE training was very helpful for those of us who have never been here for an exercise or inspection."

Even though the training received rave reviews from those who attended, finding time to fit it in the wing's busy schedule doesn't always elicit that sense of enthusiasm.

"The biggest challenge right now is scheduling the training," said Master Sgt. Rebecca Rhea, 35 FW inspections. "We are trying to spread it out to avoid shutting down sections entirely, while

See 'Training,' continued on Page 4.

New discipline standard outlines misconduct, punishment

by Airman 1st Class
Abby Young

35th Fighter Wing Public Affairs office

A new civil offense discipline standard is being implemented on base.

The new guidelines clearly outline what is considered misconduct and standardizes potential punishments.

Lt. Col. Joel Schmick, 35th Mission Support Group assistant deputy commander, said the goal of Misawa's leaders is to use the new standard to educate the base about what constitutes misconduct and to provide appropriate punishments for offenders.

Several community standards, such as the base curfew for teenagers living on base, aren't well publicized, he said. So base leaders

are working to make these rules more widely known throughout the base.

"When you know what's expected of you, you perform to that level," said Lt. Col. Schmick. "The base says 'don't fight, but if you do, here's the punishment you can expect.'"

Hopefully, this deters people from fighting."

This standard also classifies other behaviors not tolerated. For instance: arson, auto theft, making bomb threats and/or drug possession will get an offender immediately banned from the base.

Besides knowing what kind of behavior is expected and the consequences of not complying, another

benefit of this standard is the repayment of the crime through community service. It also gives Misawa's leadership a better tool for holding offenders accountable for their inappropriate actions.

Even though the new standard applies to all U.S. military members, contractors, govern-

ment civilian employees, and family members living on base, its

main focus is dependent misconduct.

"Because the UCMJ is the primary punitive system for military members, and there are work related actions to address civilian employees and contractors, our civil

misconduct proceedings are primarily focused on our dependent family members," said Lt. Col. Schmick.

Even though crime on base is relatively low, according to 35th Security Forces Squadron statistics, assaults, shoplifting and vandalism are the top three violations committed by dependent family members. A total of 4.75 percent of crimes committed in 2002 were by family members.

Leaders hope this standard clarifies what is considered misconduct and the penalties involved in such actions. They also hope to eventually see a decrease in the amount of misconduct.

"Put those two together and I think you have a more healthy, safe and productive community to live and work in," said Lt. Col. Schmick.

'When you know what's expected of you, you perform to that level.'

— Lt. Col. Joel Schmick

Nation's strength comes from diverse heroes

by Rear Adm. Robert Chaplin
U.S. Naval Forces Japan commander

Setting aside a month to commemorate the African-American contributions to our national heritage began in 1915 by Carter Woodson, historian keenly interested in education, who founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. This organization has declared this year's theme to be, "The Souls of Black Folk: Centennial Reflections."

The theme is taken from W.E. DuBois' book, 'The Souls of Black Folk', which addressed the condition of African-Americans in the United States in 1903. Now, a century later, take time to reconsider DuBois' writings and determine for yourself how much progress has been made.

African-Americans have served in the American Navy since before the United States existed. In the Revolution and the War of 1812, many African-American sailors were praised for their conduct under fire. African-Americans served honorably in the Navy during the Civil War as well.

African-Americans have been an integral part of our Navy, in every area of the world, in all crises, interventions, expeditions, police actions and wars in which the U.S. Navy has participated.

- Between the Civil War and World War I, fifteen black sailors were awarded the Medal of Honor for actions above and beyond the call of duty.

- When the battleship Maine sank in Havana Harbor in February 1898, twenty-two African-American sailors went to the bottom with the crew.

- In World War I, African-American sailors served on the ships that escorted convoys to England, and helped defeat the U-boat menace.

- During World War II, the Navy commissioned its first African-American officers, "The Golden Thirteen" — twelve commissioned officers and a warrant officer.

- Jesse Brown enlisted in the Naval Reserve in 1946 and was appointed a midshipman the following year. He was the first African-American designated as a Naval aviator.

After receiving his commission, Ensign Brown flew a close air support mission near the Chosin Reservoir, but Brown's plane was hit by enemy fire and crashed. Despite heroic efforts by other aviators, he could not be rescued and died in his aircraft. He was awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross.

- Wesley Brown, the first African-American to complete a Naval Academy education, graduated as a member of the Naval Academy Class of 1949.

- Adm. Paul Reason became the Navy's first African-American four-star admiral Nov. 15, 1996. He served as commander of the Atlantic Fleet from December 1996 to October 1999 and retired in November 1999.

Our strength as a nation and our strength as a Navy, comes from the contributions of individuals like these who constantly strive to improve the system, to improve chances for anyone with the talent and drive to better themselves.

The great diversity of cultures and heritages that makes up America are a source of strength, inspiration and hope.

African-American Heritage month reminds us that — diversity is our future — the future of our Navy and indeed the future of our country.

Commander's Action Line (226-3700) Please Use It

The Action Line provides "direct communication" between you and me. This valuable open channel has but one purpose — to make our community better. Your input of ideas, concerns, highlighting problems and suggested solutions are the lifeblood to building a stronger foundation where our families thrive and our mission succeeds. There are many dedicated professionals at Misawa — officer, noncommissioned officer and civilian — who are experts in their respective fields. Please offer them the opportunity to answer your question in concert with your unit chain of command. They share the same vision for Misawa as I do. However, those concerns that do come to the Action Line have my personal attention.



Dana T. Atkins

Brig. Gen. Dana T. Atkins
35th Fighter Wing and
Misawa Air Base
installation commander

Who to call for assistance

Air Force Aid Society ...	226-9316	Facility maintenance	226-3693	Law enforcement desk ...	226-4358
American Red Cross ...	226-3016	Family day care	226-2273	Library	226-4083
Auto skills center	226-4654	Family services	226-3665	Main exchange manager ..	222-7410
Bowling center	222-7731	Family support center ..	226-4735	Military clothing sales	222-8709
Chaplain	226-4630	HAWC	226-6653	Officers' club	226-2016
Commissary manager ..	226-3823	Hospital	226-3506	Pass and registration	226-3995
Community center	226-4128	Housing maintenance ..	226-2327	Teen center	226-2170
Education center	226-4201	Housing manager	226-2394	35th Services Squadron ..	226-3008
Enlisted club	222-9449	Housing office	226-3200	Youth center	226-3200

Vigilance is key, Eagle Eyes helps

■ **Editor's note:** This commentary mirrors the commander's weekly update on AFN Misawa.

by Brig. Gen. Dana T. Atkins
35th Fighter Wing and Misawa Installation
commander

Safety and security are things most people don't think about until it's compromised. Here at Misawa, our security forces personnel and OSI keep us safe from harm's way every day — but they can't be everywhere at once. That's why I'm asking you to be involved in the "Eagle Eyes" program.

This Air Force "neighborhood watch" program began after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks to improve the timely collection of information on suspicious activities.

The "Eagle Eyes" program relies on you and your families to be on the watch for — and report — anything that looks out of the ordinary. Your vigilance is the greatest asset we have in combatting terrorism.

Terrorists have a way of piecing together information and you can help

prevent this.

For starters, be aware of what you throw out in your trashcans, especially items with personal information on it.

Look for who, and what, doesn't belong in your building, neighborhood or work center.

Be aware of suspicious activities. These activities can be as subtle as someone befriending you in a restaurant and asking personal questions or as overt as someone taking photos of the base and "hanging out."

Whatever the case may be, if you see something suspicious, or even think you do, take a few mental notes and report it to our security forces or OSI.

You and your families are vital assets to law enforcement — you're a huge leverage to our limited security resources.

Keep our people and installation safe by assessing potential threats in and around the base.

Vigilance is key. With your active involvement, we can make Misawa a very unattractive target for terrorists.

Thanks, stay alert and continue to take care of each other.



DTS-L automates travel orders, vouchers

by Staff Sgt. Mikal Canfield
35th Fighter Wing Public Affairs office

A new system for filing travel orders and vouchers has arrived at Misawa and promises to make life easier for both customers and controllers.

The Defense Travel System - Limited is a new travel process allowing military and government civilian users to process all travel paperwork, from authorization to voucher, through a local server.

Even though use of the DTS-L is in its initial stages, 35th Comptroller Squadron officials are already singing the praises of this new process.

"DTS-L has many advantages," said 2nd Lt. Dennis Abramowicz, 35th CPTS Lead Defense Travel administrator. "This system saves time, eliminates paperwork and eliminates lost travel vouchers and manual voucher computation errors. This also allows the status of an order or voucher to be tracked by the traveler and approving official at any time. And unit resource managers will have instant access to resource manager reports to control a unit's fund."

One of the biggest advantages to customers is the improved reimbursement time on travel vouchers. Voucher payments should show up in the traveler's bank account in as little as two-to-three days after filing the voucher, he added. The DTS-L will also offer a government travel card option for split disbursement.

DTS-L works by putting the entire process into the hands of each unit. Each unit loads all of their unit personnel into the system. The traveler, along with key individuals in each unit, will have access to this information. Both orders and vouchers will be included using this information, 2nd Lt. Abramowicz said.

Units decide the flow of the travel orders and vouchers for their unit. "In other words, the units determine how each document is routed. Each unit will appoint somebody to act as an Organizational Defense Travel Administrator (performs system maintenance), funds verifiers (unit resource advisors) and approving officials (accountable officials ultimately responsible for the legality of documents). The approving officials will approve travel orders and authorize payment on travel vouchers, the lieutenant said.

Travelers will have DTS-L installed on their workstations. Unit travel administrators will make DTS-L available to users who don't have access to a private workstation.

Although the system is in its initial stages, most of the bases in Pacific Air Forces are either using DTS-L or are in the process of implementing it right now, 2nd Lt. Abramowicz said. Once completely implemented, DTS-L will be the only way to file a travel order and voucher at Misawa.

"The finance office will be creating a schedule identifying when



Photo by Staff Sgt. Nyle Smith

Tech. Sgt. Philip Csornok, 35th CPTS, files his travel voucher using the new DTS-L software. Reimbursement could be in as little as two days.

each unit will start using DTS-L," he said. "Once this date arrives, the unit will start using DTS-L for the creation of travel orders and vouchers and will no longer use the old procedures. The finance office will no longer accept manual orders and vouchers after this date."

The lieutenant added that they still have the capability of using other means to cut orders and file travel vouchers. However, unless an emergency or rare circumstance warrants otherwise, each AF unit at Misawa will use DTS-L.

Senior Airman Chante' Coleman, 35th Mission Support Squadron Commander's Support Staff, recently attended a training class to pre-

pare unit people to implement DTS-L.

"The training class was awesome. I have been using ABSS (the old program that was used to process orders) since 1999, and I can tell you that this new program, DTS, will really improve the way orders and travel vouchers are done," she said. "DTS is fast, easier and quicker to use. I love it, and I am very excited about this program coming on board."

The 35th CPTS hopes to have DTS-L completely implemented by early June, 2nd Lt. Abramowicz added.

For more information about DTS-L, call the 35th CPTS at 226-4908.

NAF Misawa's HAZMAT program praised by inspectors

by Petty Officer 1st Class Donald Rule
Naval Air Facility Misawa Public Affairs

The U.S. Navy's Inspector General recently reported to the Secretary of the Navy on the status of hazardous material management at various Naval installations.

The report was based off of findings made by a multi-year, Navy-wide IG Environmental Inspection Team that visited fleet concentration areas to research problems to help fleets optimize their hazardous materials management.

The IG inspection team found various success

stories of HM management and cited two specific commands: Naval Air Facility Misawa and Naval Aviation Depot North Island, Calif.

NAF Misawa was specifically recognized for establishing the first joint Navy-Air Force Hazardous Materials Information Network (HAZMIN) Center.

This partnership with 35th Fighter Wing created a central control and issue point for all HM throughout the base regardless of shop, department or Department of Defense affiliation.

The IG recommended the Naval Supply Systems Command work with the Fleets to

establish fully integrated Regional HAZMIN Centers that serve both the shore and afloat communities.

In doing so, the Navy could save millions of dollars by recovering hazardous materials and reducing hazardous waste disposal costs.

"Joint operation is the right thing to do," said Paul Teasley, NAF Misawa's environmental director. "We avoid costly duplication, reduce the generation of waste and provide customer friendly services."

"The command leadership continues to support our joint management efforts because they benefit the entire base." (Story courtesy of NAF Misawa Public Affairs)



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Smile, Misawa!

The Northern Light is published each week for people like Mrs. Davette Wellmaker, Misawa Family Child care provider. "She provides care for children in a loving, high quality home environment whenever parents are required to work additional hours to support the mission of Misawa AB," said Kay Killebrew, Family Child Care coordinator. "She has opened her home to support the families of Misawa 24 hours a day, 7 days a week."





Photo by Staff Sgt. Shawna Hann

New heights

Senior Airman Thea Williams, 301st Intelligence Squadron, reaches new heights as she reenlists for four years. Headquarters AIA's Consolidated Antenna Team accommodated SrA Williams' request to reenlist at Security Hill's "Elephant Cage." Col. Fred Gortler, 373rd Intelligence Group commander, had the honor of reenlisting SrA Williams, who is cross-training to the maintenance career field.

'Training' —

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balancing it so areas are not minimally manned for several days."

Ultimately, the inspectors would like to schedule this training for all new wing people as they arrive at Misawa, within their first quarter of assignment. Currently, training is scheduled in April, July, August and September and is being regulated by the group chief enlisted managers.

With scheduling driven by the upcoming inspection, Senior Master Sgt. Snyder hopes people look beyond that.

"Look at the world situation today and it's easy to see that we have many hotspots in the world where our neighbors have chemical and biological weapons," he said. "If we are asked to deploy to locations where the threat is imminent, we want all personnel to be able to survive the conflict."

Air Force looks to fill need for enlisted fliers

by Tech. Sgt. Scott Leas

Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

Opportunities for enlisted aviators have never been better. With possible nine enlisted aviator careers, the dream of flying can quickly become a reality for Air Force people.

According to Master Sgt. Jack Baker, from Air Mobility Command's aircrew training office, an urgent need for enlisted fliers exists. More than 300 training positions are open for enlisted people in the rank of senior airman to master sergeant.

"AMC has aggressively pursued recruits to retrain," Master Sgt. Baker said.

"Considering all the fantastic opportunities available, it's hard to believe so many positions remain unfilled," he added.

Positions are open for flight engineers, airborne communications and electronics specialists, airborne battle management systems specialist, flight attendants and airborne cryptologic linguists.

Under the CAREERS retraining program, first-term airmen assigned to units within the continental United States may apply beginning the first duty day of the month in which they complete 35 months of their enlistment (59 months for six-year enlistees), and no later than the last duty day of the 43rd month of their cur-

rent enlistment (67 months for six-year enlistees).

Airmen stationed overseas may apply between the 15th and 9th month before their return date with at least 35 months of service (59 for six-year enlistees) on their return.

Along with the chance to fly around the world comes incentive pay, Master Sgt. Baker said.

Enlisted aviators receive monthly incentive pay ranging from \$150 to \$400 based on the number of years of aviation service, not rank.

Interested enlisted people can contact their local military personnel flights or visit <https://amcdot.scott.af.mil/CEA>. (Story courtesy of AMC News Service)

Briefs

■ **Commissary closure** — The Misawa Commissary closes Monday for formal inventory. Normal business hours resume Tuesday. For more information, call Jack Younger at 226-3482.

■ **Free developmental screening** — Free developmental screening will be offered March 3-7 by both Education and Developmental Intervention Services and the Department of Defense Dependent Schools. The screening is for children ages six months to five years and tests concepts, vision/hearing, speech and language, social skills and motor and movement. To schedule an appointment, call 226-4174.

■ **Dry cleaning closure** — Both the main base and north area laundry dry cleaning facilities will close at 3 p.m. March 8 due to the AAFES 50th anniversary celebration.

■ **Oriental Rug sale** — The Edgren High School Booster Club holds an Oriental Rug Sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 22-23 in the high school cafeteria. Anyone interested in set up, clean up and monitoring sales can volunteer by calling Patti Rzeznik at 57-4017.



Photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Elizabeth Burke

Everything checks out

Petty Officer 3rd Class Jeffrey Laban, Naval Air Facility Misawa, checks a sonobuoy in the external launch area of a P-3C Orion aircraft during a preflight inspection. A sonobuoy is used to detect underwater sounds that would indicate the presence of submarines. Petty Officer Laban is assigned to Patrol Squadron NINE currently deployed to Misawa.



Photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Evelyn Haywood

The Space Shuttle Columbia ice sculpture sits peacefully during the first night of the Misawa Snow Festival. The Columbia was sculpted by sailors from Naval Air Facility Misawa in remembrance of the astronauts who died in the Feb. 1 crash.

Ice, ice baby!

Taking a look at local snow, ice festivals



Photo by 2nd Lt. James Bressendorf

Sculptors put the finishing touches on one of the many ice sculptures at the 54th Annual Sapporo International Snow Festival this month. Snow and ice carving teams from several countries, corporations, civic groups, the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force and Naval Air Facility Misawa sculpted hundreds of statues, monuments and buildings. Approximately two-million visitors travel to Japan's northern main island's prefectural capital to see the snow and ice artistry.

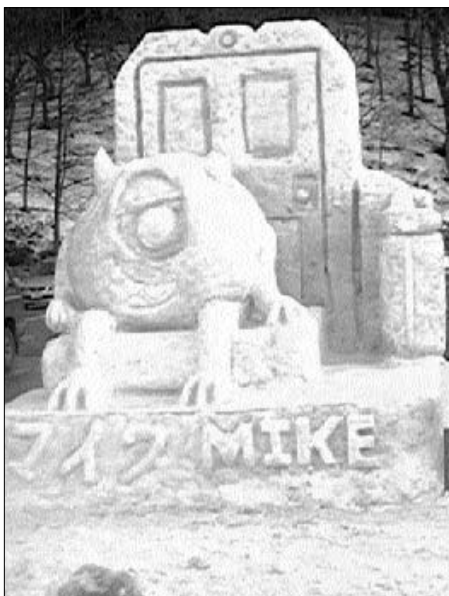


Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Stacy Ballew
Servicemembers from the 35th Civil Engineer Squadron, 35th Operation Support Squadron and 35th Maintenance Operations Squadron sculpted Mike from Monsters Inc. for the Misawa City Snow Festival Feb. 14-16.



Photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Donald Rule
A tribute to U.S. Navy Commodore Perry and his famous "Black Ship" was carved out of snow for the Sapporo International Snow Festival. Perry is famous throughout Japan for being the first American to officially open up the country of Japan to trade and relations with the United States during the 19th Century.



Photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Donald Rule
A team of sailors from Naval Air Facility Misawa carved a replica of an eagle's head with a ship's anchor as its entry at the Sapporo International Snow Festival. NAF has participated in the festival for over two decades.



Warrior of the Week

**Petty Officer
3rd Class
Jason Montgomery**

Organization
Naval Air Facility
Misawa Security
Detachment
Duty Title
Armorer
Home
Dayton, Ohio



"MA3 Montgomery is a superb performer. He exemplifies leadership in all aspects of his assignments and personal demeanor. He consistently performs duties in a timely manner and requires no supervision. He is the perfect example of how all United States Navy sailors should be."

Petty Officer 1st Class Tarletar Reed
Leading Petty Officer



Student of the Week

Jordan Spencer
Age 13

School
Edgren High School
Hometown
Colorado Springs,
Colo.
Favorite Subject
Algebra



"Jordan is not only a very pleasant (polite and respectful) person, but also a model student and writer. I have used Jordan's work to show other students how to work a piece of writing through pre-write to rough draft to final copy. Jordan is really thorough in his writing. Also, Jordan's finished writing is among the best in the 8th grade."

Tom Rybus
8th Grade Creative Writing Teacher

Misawa Salutes

Congratulations to **Mrs. Elena Lease** for being named Misawa Family Child Care Provider of the Quarter for October-December 2002.

To be considered for this award, parents must nominate their provider. Mrs. Lease was nominated by Mr. and Mrs. Ron Ryan for being "an inspiration to my child." Training hours, home inspection scores and overall leadership in the FCC program are also considered with this award.

'Heir Born'

The following parents are announcing the births of their children at the base hospital:

VERRETT — Airman 1st Class Siddiqah Ali-Verrett and Derek Verrett, a daughter, Maliya Nishelle, Feb. 3.

ROYAL — Airman 1st Class Victor and Crystal Royal, a daughter, Kylia Victoria, Jan. 30.

PEVLER — Tech. Sgt. Darrell and Stacey Pevler, a daughter, Bailey Raelyn, Jan. 29.

DOD News

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

by **Jim Garamone**
American Forces Press Service

The United States is winning the war on terrorism, in part, because intelligence efforts span the federal bureaucracy and link to the world.

President Bush praised efforts by the CIA and FBI during a speech at FBI headquarters today. Bush pointed out that the FBI alone has 1,800 agents devoted to counterterrorism activities.

"All our successes in the war on terror depend on the ability of our intelligence and law enforcement agencies to work in common purpose," the commander in chief said. "In order to better protect our homeland, our intelligence agencies must coexist like they never had before. In order to hunt the terrorists down one by one, our intelligence agencies must cooperate fully with agencies overseas. Under the leadership of (CIA

Director (George) Tenet and (FBI Director Bob) Mueller, the CIA and the FBI have improved their communications and cooperation."

The president spoke about the new Terrorist Threat Integration Center that he first mentioned in his State of the Union address, saying it marks another crucial advance in meeting 21st century threats.

"This joint effort across many departments of our government will integrate and analyze all terrorist threat information collected domestically and abroad in a single location," Bush said.

He said the center will develop a comprehensive picture of terrorist activity. When it is fully operational, it will house a database of known and suspected terrorists that officials across the country will be able to access and act upon, he said.

In addition to the CIA and FBI, the Defense Department and the new Department of Homeland Security will be among those staffing the center and analyzing the data.

Bush said protecting the homeland is the first goal, and intelligence is at the heart of protecting America. Using advanced technology, the center will be able to provide that database to local law enforcement personnel. Terrorist attacks may be thwarted in the course of a simple traffic stop.

But the war on terror isn't only defensive. Americans must go into other areas and hunt down terrorists, Bush said.

"This war requires us to understand that terror is broader than one international network, that these terrorist networks have got connections — in some cases, to countries run by outlaw dictators," he said. (Story courtesy of DefenseLink)

Edgren plans 'Annie' production, scholarship night for graduates

Leapin' Lizards! The popular comic strip heroine will take center stage at 7 p.m. March 20, 21, 22, 28, & 29 in the Mokuteki Ballroom in the Edgren Drama Club's production of "Annie." Tickets are \$3 each.

"Annie" is about a spunky depression-era orphan determined to find her parents, who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of a New York City orphanage.

The orphanage is run by the cruel, embittered Miss Hannigan.

In adventure after fun-filled adventure, Annie foils Miss Hannigan's evil plots, befriends President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and finds a new family and home in billionaire Oliver "Daddy" Warbucks and his personal

secretary Grace Farrell.

The show promises to be a fun-filled and heartwarming event.

Edgren's Booster Club is also holding its annual Scholarship Night at 6 p.m. March 11 in the Edgren High School Information Center.

Representatives from various local organizations planning to offer scholarships to Edgren's graduating seniors will distribute applications and answer questions.

"This is a great opportunity for all graduating students and their parents to come on out and see what's available from our wonderful community," said Elizabeth Ballard, Edgren High School. (Information courtesy of Edgren High School).



Photo by Melissa Stockstill

How bazaar

Even though Valentine's Day is over, it's never too late to find your sweetheart that perfect little something at the 35th Services Squadron bazaar from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday in Hangar 949. From kokeshi dolls to mink blankets, the bazaar has it all. For more information about the bazaar, call the 35th SVS at 226-9272.

Ask Shuko



Q: Can you tell me more about Japan's onsens?

A: Natural hot springs (onsens) are very popular in Japan. Hot spring water is good for treating

chronic diseases such as rheumatism and respiratory disorders. Many modern public baths try to attract more people by offering additional features such as saunas and fitness centers. Many onsens and public baths don't allow clothing (such as bathing suits) to be worn. If you feel uncomfortable going to the onsen in your birthday suit, the "Badeh House" in Fukuchi village allows you to bring along your bathing suit. If you have any questions about Japanese culture, e-mail the *Northern Light* office at northern.light@misawa.af.mil.

School Lunch Menus



Edgren High School

Monday

Hot dog on a bun, curly fries, green beans, fruit cocktail, oatmeal raisin cookie, milk

Tuesday

Corn dogs, spudsters, mixed vegetables, fruit, Rice Krispie bar, milk

Wednesday

Chef salad, baked roll, fruit, graham crackers, milk

Thursday

Chicken pattie sandwich, potato wedges, apple sauce, milk

Feb. 28

Cheese pizza dippers, Spanish rice, garden salad, fruit, milk

Editor's note: High school students can choose between the elementary school menu and another selection.

School Square

Cummings and Sollars

Elementary Monday

Cheese pizza, green beans, fruit cocktail, oatmeal raisin cookie, milk

Tuesday

Cheeseburger on a bun, spudsters, vegetables, fruit, milk

Wednesday

Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, baked roll, fruit, milk

Thursday

Ravioli with meat sauce, garlic toast, garden salad, apple sauce, milk

Feb. 28

Soft-shell beef taco, Spanish rice, fruit, graham crackers, milk

Editor's note: For complete menus visit: <http://odin.aafes.com/nutrition/hsmen.htm>

Education Opportunities



■ **Praxis Exam** — The Praxis exam is tentatively scheduled for April 28. To register for the Praxis e-mail Becky Green at becky.green@misawa.af.mil or call 226-4201. Registration deadline is March 14.

■ **CPR/First Aid Classes** — The American Red Cross offers a community CPR class March 8 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and a basic first aid class March 8 from 2 to 5 p.m. The cost for each class is \$25.

■ **Scholarships for high schoolers** — Misawa's Officer's Spouses Club offers scholarships to graduating Edgren High School seniors. Application deadline is March 7.

Grissom Dining Facility

Today

Dinner — Yankee pot roast, simmered corn beef, pineapple chicken

Saturday

Brunch — Creole shrimp, doubly good chicken, savory baked chicken, Swedish meatballs

Dinner — Baked fish, barbecued chicken, doubly good chicken, Hungarian goulash

Sunday

Brunch — Cantonese spareribs, grilled mustard chicken, oven-fried fish

Dinner — Loin-strip steak, stir-fry beef with broccoli, turkey nuggets

Monday

Lunch — Baked stuffed fish, pot roast, roast pork loin

Dinner — Cannelloni beef, chili macaroni, Southern fried chicken

Tuesday

Lunch — Salmon cakes, teriyaki chicken, veal parmesan

Dinner — Country captain chicken, meatloaf, turkey a la king

Wednesday

Lunch — Barbecued ham steak, beef ball stroganoff, turkey and noodles

Dinner — Barbecued spareribs, lemon-herbed chicken, stuffed pork chops

Thursday

Lunch — Herb-baked chicken, Southern fried catfish

Dinner — Glazed cornish hen, jagerschitzel, roast pork loin

■ **Editor's note:** Menu items are subject to change.



What's Happening

Community Events

■ **Champagne Brunch** — Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Tohoku Enlisted Club ballroom. All ranks welcome.

■ **Bazaar** — Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Feb. 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Hangar 949.

■ **Dance** — Saturday from 7 to 10:30 p.m. at The Underground for ages 13 to 15. For more information, call 226-2170.

Fun In The Outdoors

■ **Outdoor Adventure Club** — Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the teen center. For ages 16 to 18. For more information, call 226-2170.

■ **Lock-In** — Feb. 28 at 8 p.m. to Feb. 29 at 8 a.m. at the Wakasa Teen Center. For ages 13 to 18, sign ups end today. For more information, call 226-2170.

■ **Stress Management** — Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. in Bldg. 1000.

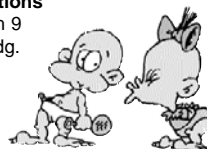
Healthy Emotions

— Tuesday from 9 to 10 a.m. in Bldg. 1000.

Birth To 12-Month

Playgroup — Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. in Bldg. 94.

■ **Toddler Playgroup** — Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 to 11 a.m. in Bldg. 94.



Richard Bong Theater

Today — "Kangaroo Jack" (PG) Jerry O'Connell and Anthony Anderson, 7 p.m.

"Just Married" (PG-13) Ashton Kutcher and Brittany Murphy, 7 p.m.

Saturday — "Treasure Planet" (PG), 1 p.m.

"Kangaroo Jack" (PG), 7 p.m. "Just Married" (PG-13), 9:30 p.m.

Sunday — "Tuck Everlasting" (PG) Alexis Biedel and Ben Kingsley, 1 p.m. "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" (PG-13), 5 p.m.

Monday — "Kangaroo Jack" (PG), 7 p.m.

Tuesday — "The Truth About Charlie" (PG-13) Mark Wahlberg and Thandie Newton, 7 p.m.

Wednesday — "Adam Sandler's Eight Crazy Nights" (PG-13) Adam Sandler, 7 p.m.

Thursday — "Friday After Next" (R) Ice Cube and K.D. Aubert, 7 p.m.

Feb. 28 — "Biker Boyz" (PG-13) Fishburne and Tyson Beckford, 7 p.m. "Kangaroo Jack" (PG), 7 p.m.

■ **Editor's note:** Movie lineup and starting times are subject to change.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Abby Young

Singing from the heart

The Misawa Chapel Inspirational Choir performed recently at a Valentine's Day concert at the Mokuteki Community Center. The concert featured dancers and musicians as well as this singing sextet. For more information about the choir or other chapel events, call the main base chapel at 226-4630.



Catholic Services

Daily Mass — Mondays through Thursdays at noon

Sunday Masses — 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Sunday School — Sundays at 11 a.m. (at Sollars Elementary School)

Confessions — First and third Mondays at 11 a.m. and second and fourth Mondays at 7 p.m.

Protestant Services

Holy Communion — Sundays at 8 a.m.

Sunday School — Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. (at Sollars Elementary School)

General Protestant — Sundays at 11 a.m.

Inspirational Worship — Sundays at 2 p.m.

Contemporary Worship — Sundays at 6 p.m.

35th Fighter Wing Chapel



Jewish Services

First and third Fridays of every month from 7 to 9 p.m.

Islamic Services

Fridays at noon

Seventh Day Adventist Services

Saturdays at 10 a.m. at Security Hill Chapel.

Hindu Study Group

First Friday of month from 11 a.m. to noon. Every other Friday of month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Contact numbers

Main chapel — 226-4630

After duty hours — 226-6648

Security Hill — 226-3064

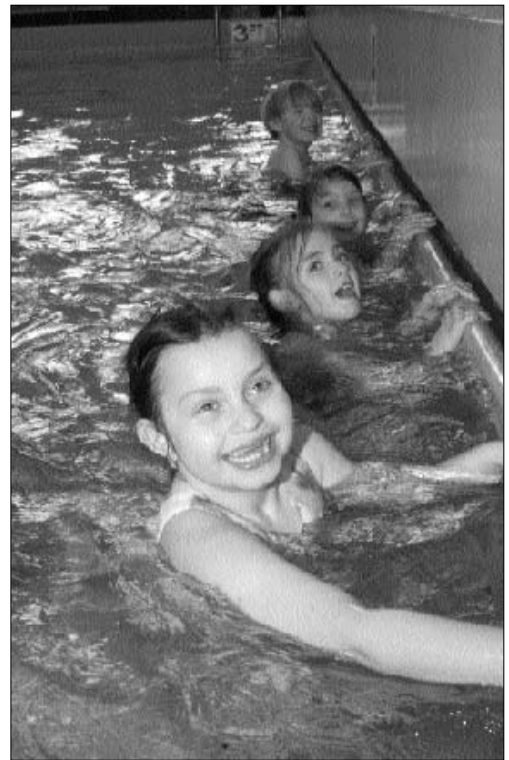


■ **Pool hours** — The hours of operation of the Himberg Pool are : *Lap swim* — weekdays from 5:30 to 7 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturdays from noon to 2 p.m and Sundays from 8 to 9 a.m.; *Open Swim* — weekdays from 2 to 4 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7 to 8 a.m., Saturdays from 2 to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m. Due to staff training, the pool is closed the second Wednesday of every month.

(Left) **Base children** learn to swim at the Himberg Swimming Pool.

Jump in!

Children make waves at base swimming lessons



(Above, above right, far right and right) **Elizabeth Kelly** teaches swimming lessons to base children. Lessons are offered through the outdoor recreation office at 226-3480. Children may also join a swim team offered through the youth center. For details, call 226-3882.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Andrew Rodier

